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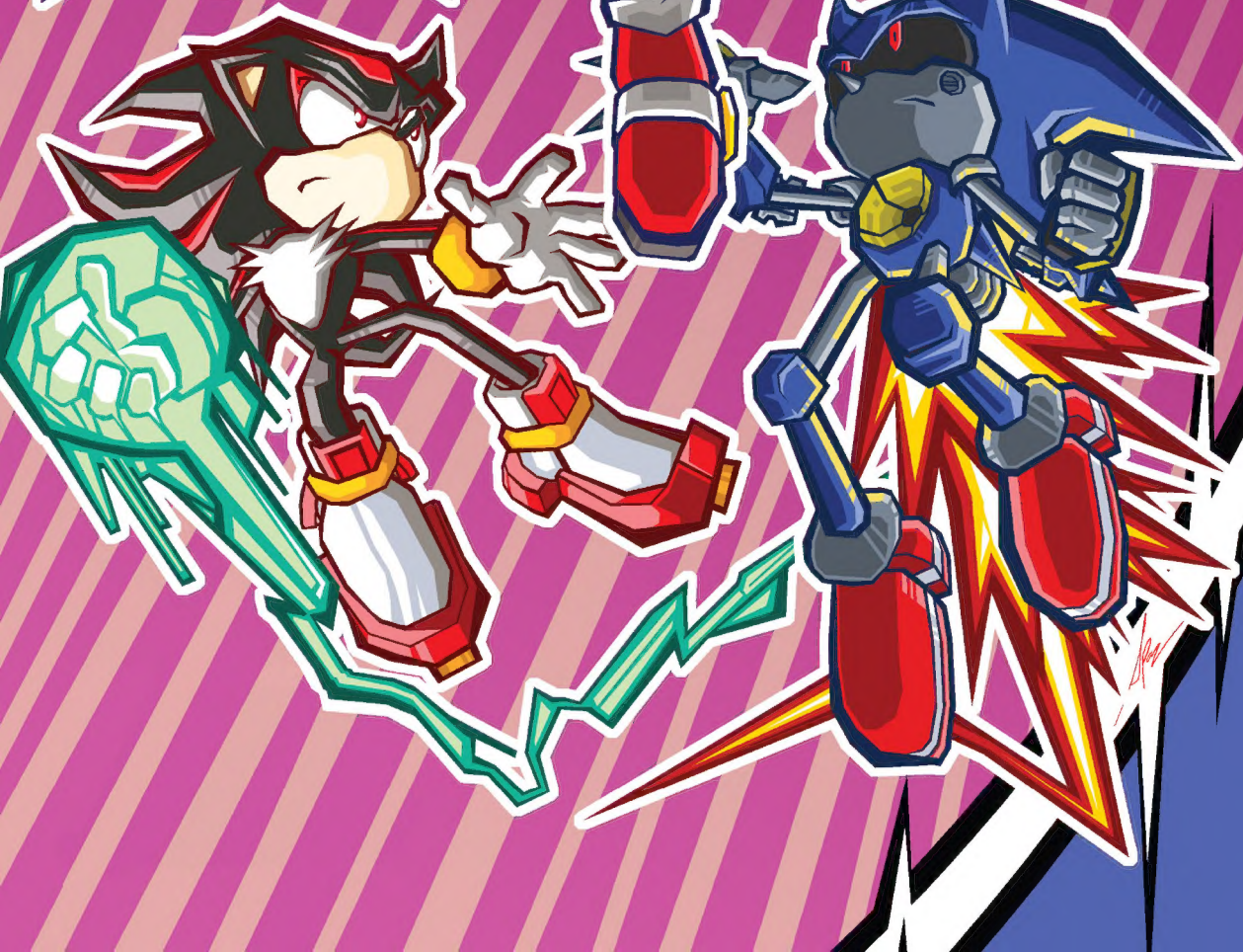
# SONIC



THE HERO HOG

THE GOOD  
THE BAD AND  
THE UNKNOWN  
PART 3 OF 4

BATTLE!





**N**OW, THE  
ROYAL  
THRONE  
ROOM.

YOUR  
HIGHNESS!  
PRINCESS  
SALLY!

WHAT IS IT,  
DYLAN?

HAVE  
YOU RECEIVED  
ANY WORD  
FROM ROTOR  
OR THE  
OTHERS?

THAT'S  
JUST  
IT--

--WE  
LOST ALL  
CONNECTION  
ALMOST  
AN HOUR  
AGO!

THE LAST  
WORDS WE  
RECORDED  
BEFORE LOSING  
TRANSMISSION  
WERE SONIC  
SAYING--

"NEVER  
TELL  
ME THE  
ODDS!"

DYLAN, I NEED  
YOU TO BRING  
SONIC'S FATHER,  
JULES, TO THE  
ROYAL COURT  
IMMEDIATELY!

ANY-  
THING  
ELSE,  
PRINCESS  
SALLY?

"I GUESS  
PRAYING  
WOULDN'T  
HURT  
EITHER!?"

WHAT A  
PICKLE,  
TOMMY!

SONIC'S IN  
TROUBLE--

--BUT SO  
ARE ROTOR,  
FIONA, AND  
BUNNIE--

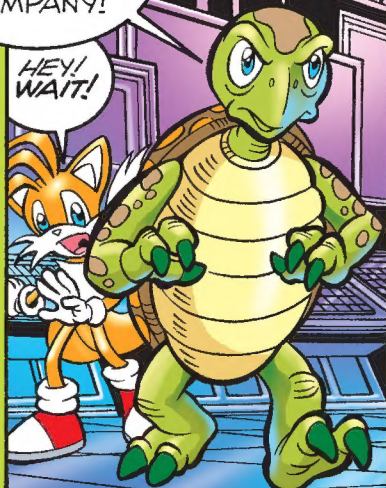
--AND IT'S HARD TO  
SAY WHO'S WORSE  
OFF!

YOU  
STAY HERE  
KEEPING  
EVERYTHING  
TOGETHER,  
MILES--



--WHILE I GO SEE WHAT I CAN DO FOR ROTOR AND COMPANY!

HEY!  
WAIT!

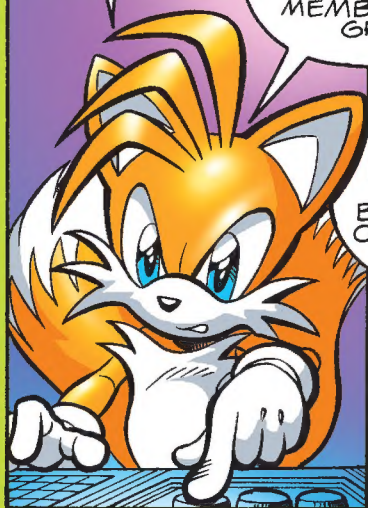


AW,  
RATS!

EVEN WITH THE **NEWCOMERS**, I'M **STILL** TREATED LIKE A **JUNIOR** MEMBER OF THE GROUP!

...SIGH...

WHILE HE DOES THAT, I GUESS I BETTER FIND OUT WHAT'S UP WITH...



# SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

## THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UNKNOWN Part 3: **GENESIS**



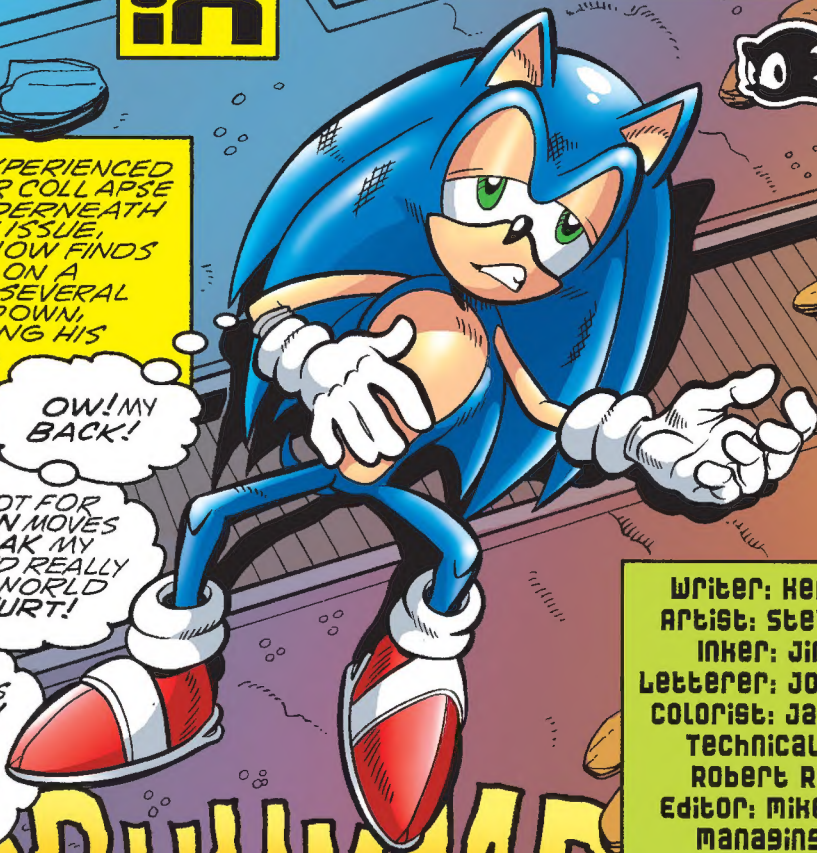
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HAVING EXPERIENCED THE FLOOR COLLAPSE FROM UNDERNEATH HIM LAST ISSUE, SONIC NOW FINDS HIMSELF ON A SURFACE SEVERAL METERS DOWN, COLLECTING HIS BREATH...

OW! MY  
BACK!

IF NOT FOR MY SPIN MOVES TO BREAK MY FALL, I'D REALLY BE IN A WORLD OF HURT!

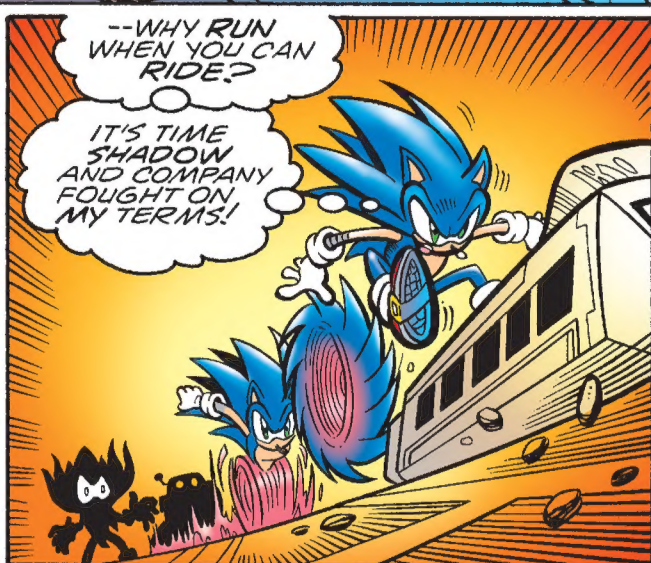
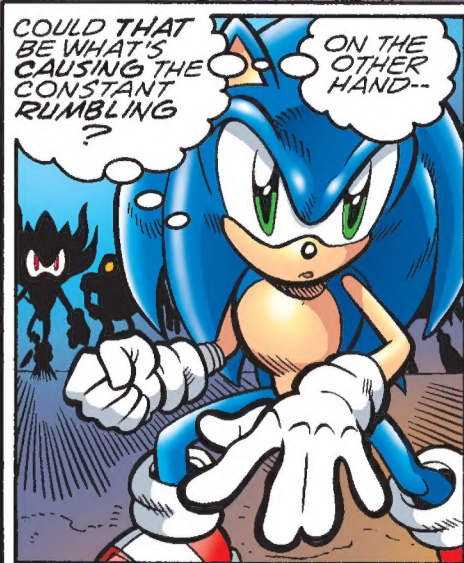
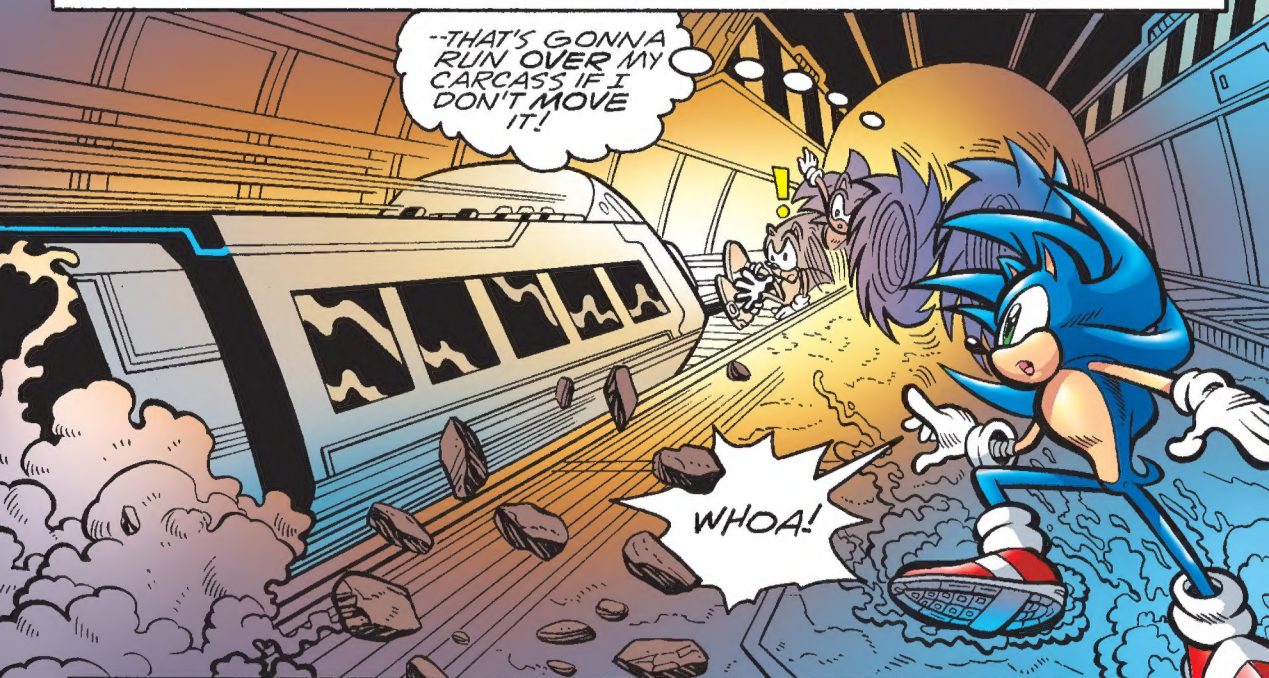
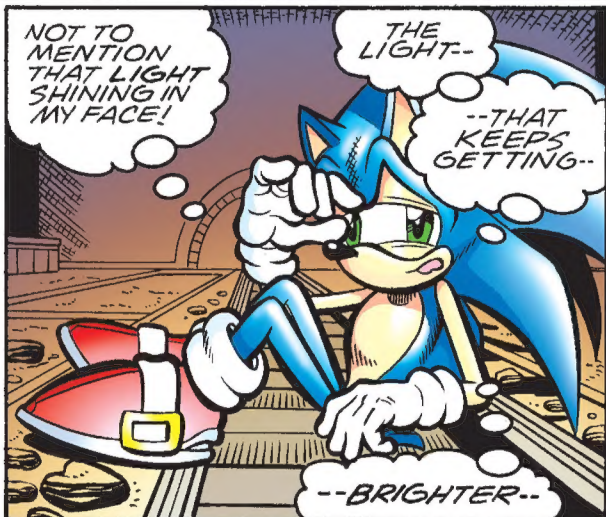
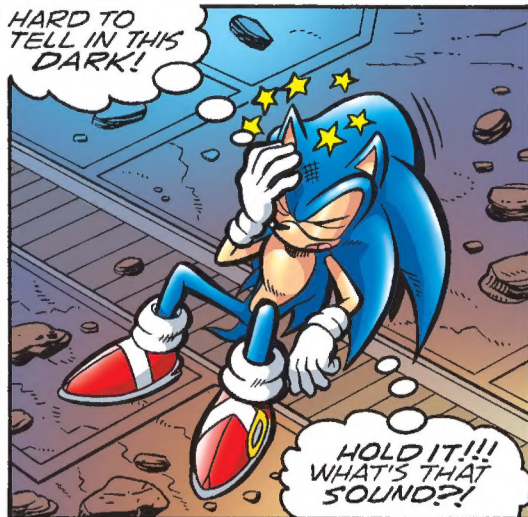
SAY!  
WHERE'S  
SHADOW  
AND THE  
OTHER  
PLAY-  
MATES?



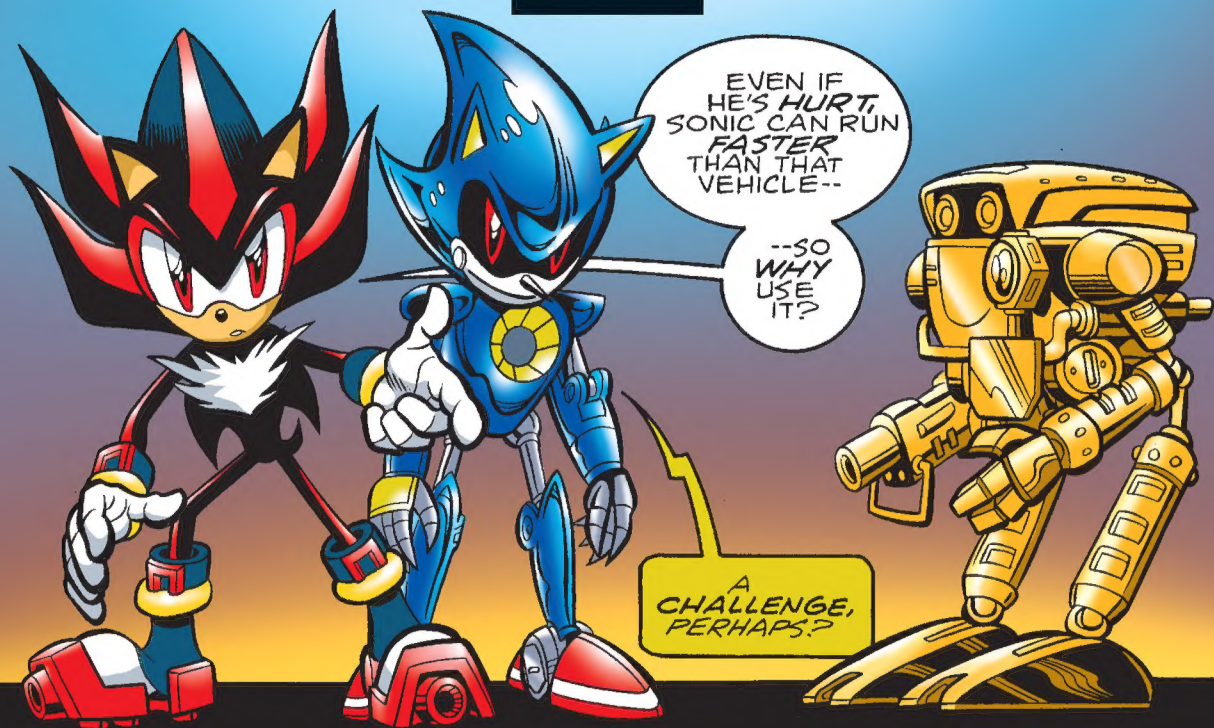
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EVEN IF HE'S HURT, SONIC CAN RUN FASTER THAN THAT VEHICLE--

--SO WHY USE IT?

A CHALLENGE, PERHAPS?

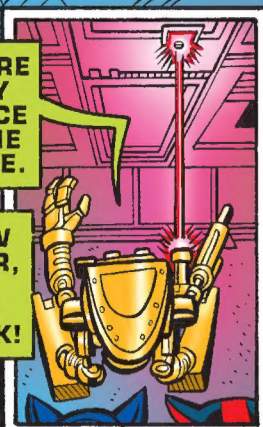
THE PROBABILITY OF THAT OUTCOME IS 0.05%.

INSUFFICIENT DATA TO EXPLAIN THE MOTIVATION OF THAT PARTICULAR SENTIENT LIFE FORM. HOWEVER--

WHAT OTHER REASON, THEN?

-HIS OPTIONS ARE CONSIDERABLY NARROWED ONCE HE REACHES THE END OF THE LINE.

WE CAN FOLLOW IN OUR OWN CAR, ONE OF MANY THAT ARE PART OF THE NETWORK!



NO, THANK YOU, ISAAC!

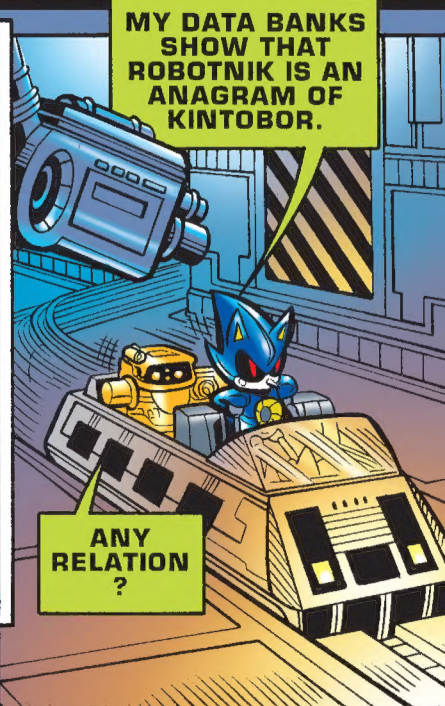
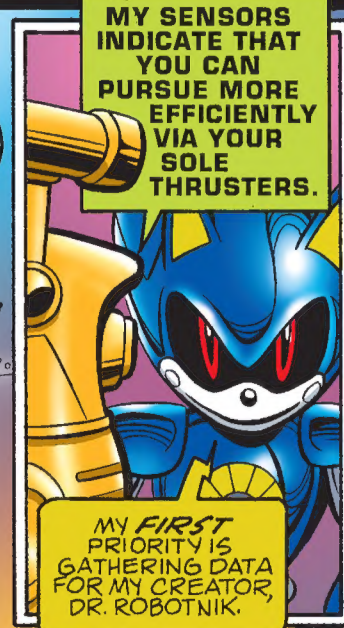
I WILL GET MY ANSWERS THROUGH MORE DIRECT MEANS.

MY SENSORS INDICATE THAT YOU CAN PURSUE MORE EFFICIENTLY VIA YOUR SOLE THRUSTERS.

MY DATA BANKS SHOW THAT ROBOTNIK IS AN ANAGRAM OF KINTOBOR.

MY FIRST PRIORITY IS GATHERING DATA FOR MY CREATOR, DR. ROBOTNIK.

ANY RELATION?





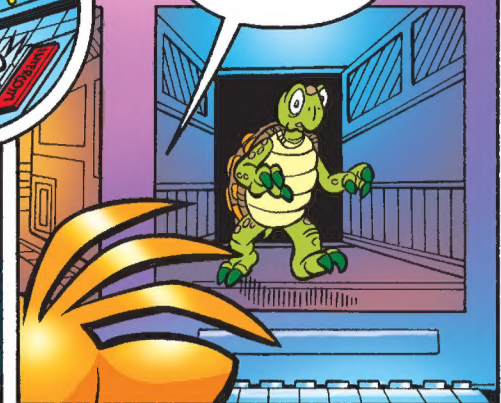
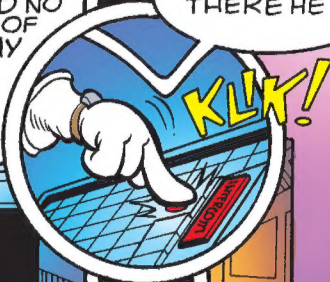
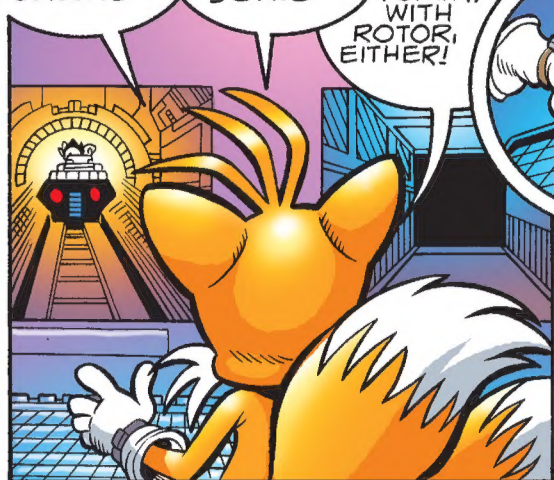
WE'VE GOT  
ANOTHER  
CAMERA  
ONLINE--

--BUT STILL  
NO SIGN OF  
SONIC--

--AND NO  
SIGN OF  
TOMMY  
WITH  
ROTOR,  
EITHER!

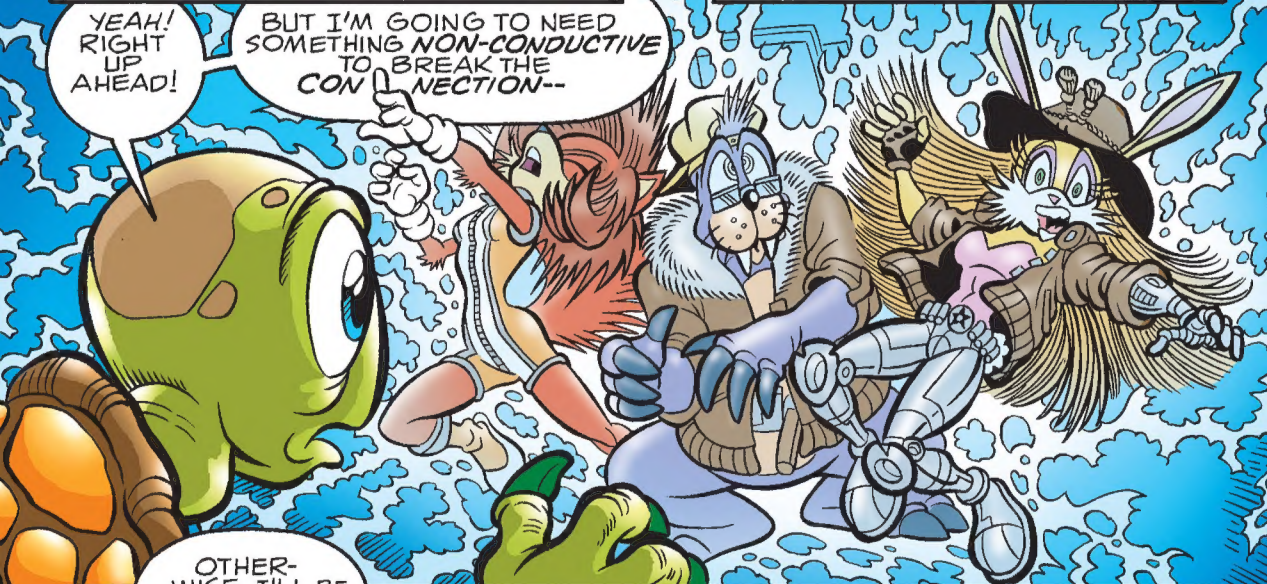
WAIT A MINUTE!  
THERE HE IS!

TAILS TO  
TOMMY. ANY  
SIGN OF  
ROTOR AND  
CREW?  
OVER!



YEAH!  
RIGHT  
UP  
AHEAD!

BUT I'M GOING TO NEED  
SOMETHING NON-CONDUCTIVE  
TO BREAK THE  
CONNECTION--



OTHER-  
WISE, I'LL BE  
JOINING  
THE CLUB!

MAYBE  
I CAN FIND  
WHAT I NEED  
IN HERE!

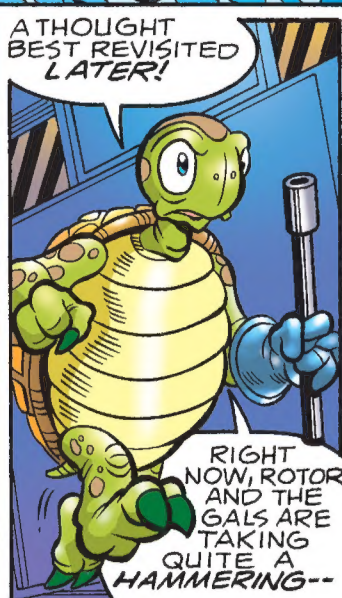


THIS LEATHER  
GLOVE WILL DO  
NICELY!

WEIRD!

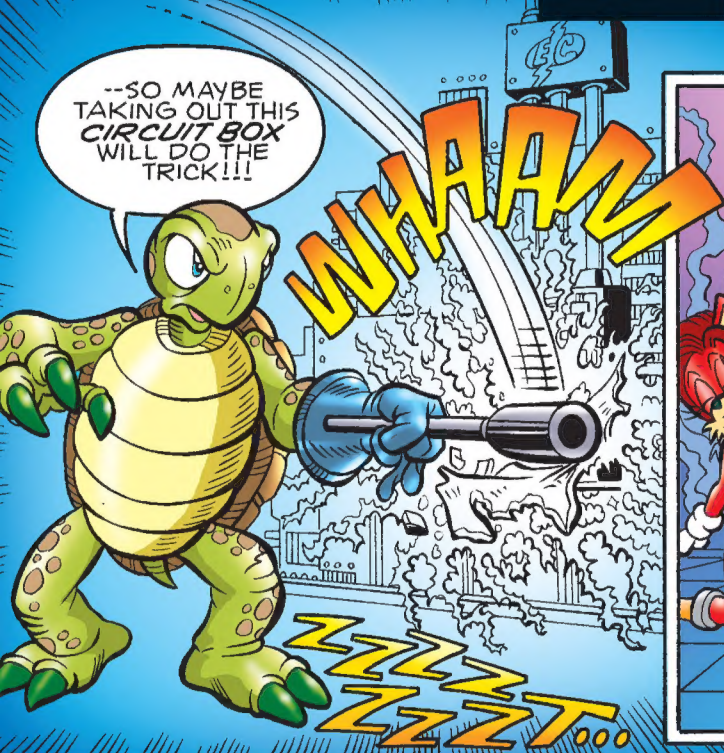


A THOUGHT  
BEST REVISITED  
LATER!



RIGHT  
NOW, ROTOR  
AND THE  
GALS ARE  
TAKING  
QUITE A  
HAMMERING--

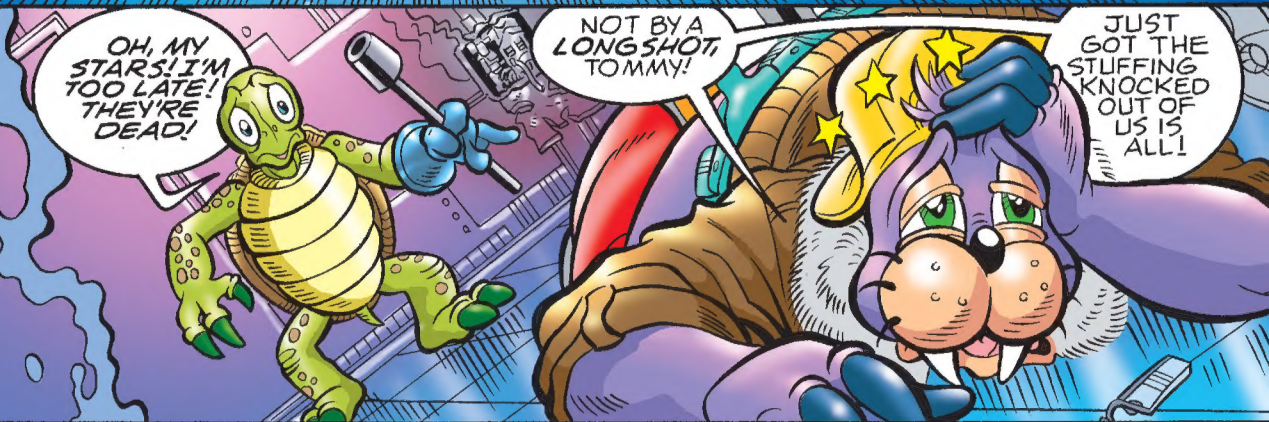
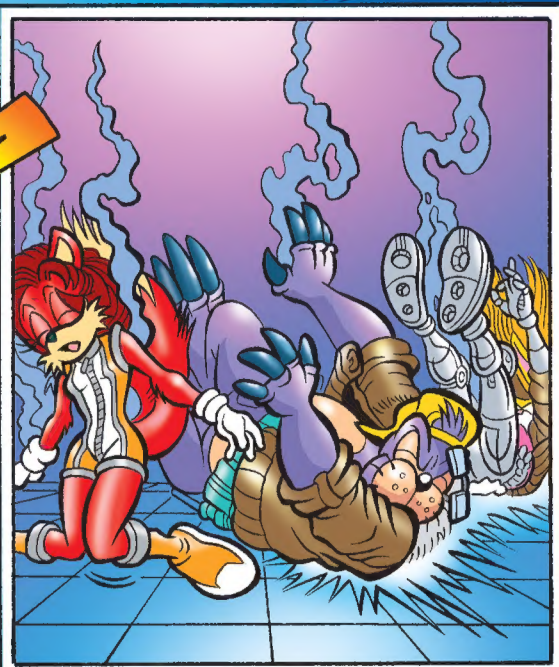




--SO MAYBE  
TAKING OUT THIS  
CIRCUIT BOX  
WILL DO THE  
TRICK!!!

WHAAM!

ZZZZZZT..



OH, MY  
STARS! I'M  
TOO LATE!  
THEY'RE  
DEAD!

NOT BY A  
LONGSHOT,  
TOMMY!

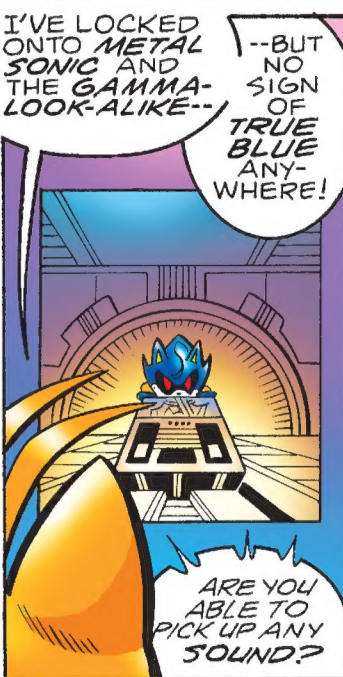
JUST  
GOT THE  
STUFFING  
KNOCKED  
OUT OF  
US IS  
ALL!



DIDJA  
HEAR,  
MILES?

LOUD AND CLEAR,  
TOMMY! JUST MAKE  
SURE EVERY-  
ONE'S OKAY!

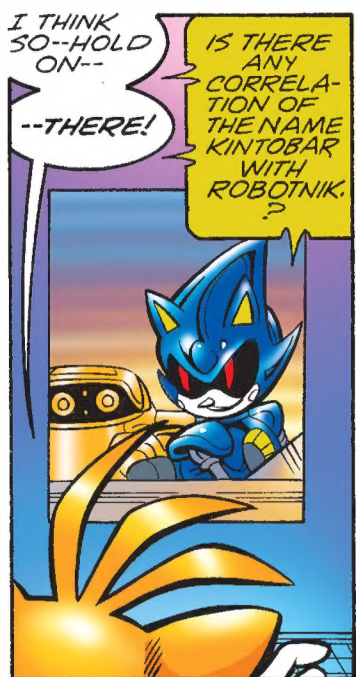
MY  
CONCERN  
NOW IS  
SONIC!



I'VE LOCKED  
ONTO METAL  
SONIC AND  
THE GAMMA-  
LOOK-ALIKE--

--BUT  
NO  
SIGN  
OF  
TRUE  
BLUE  
ANY-  
WHERE!

ARE YOU  
ABLE TO  
PICK UP ANY  
SOUND?

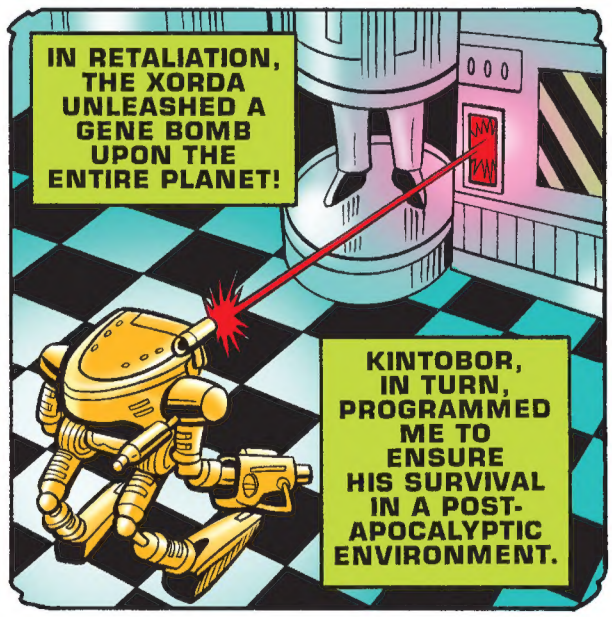
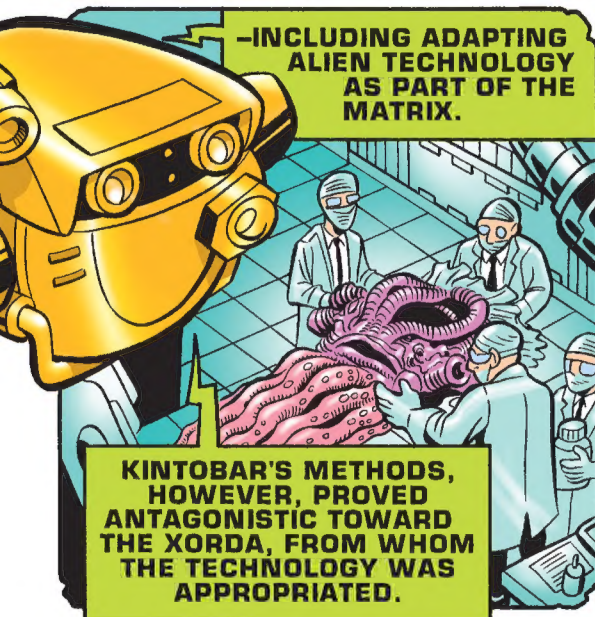
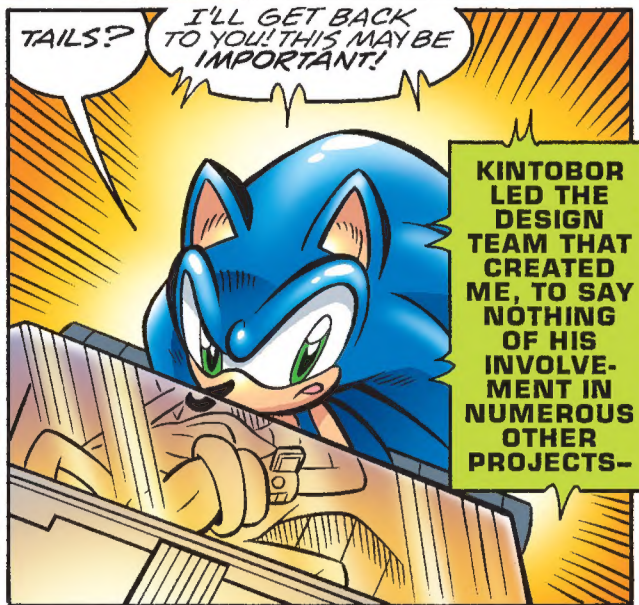
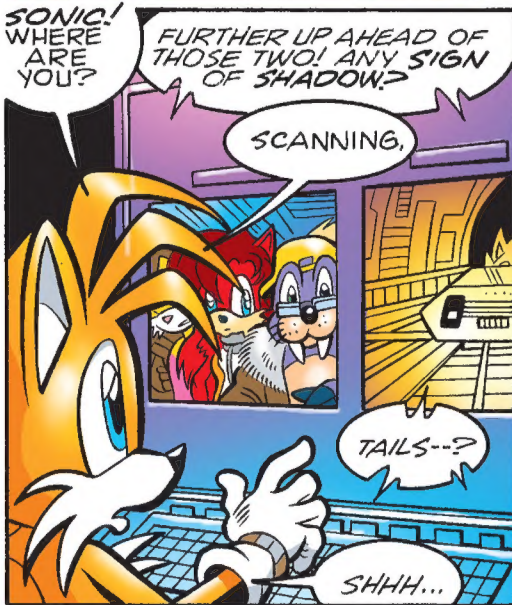
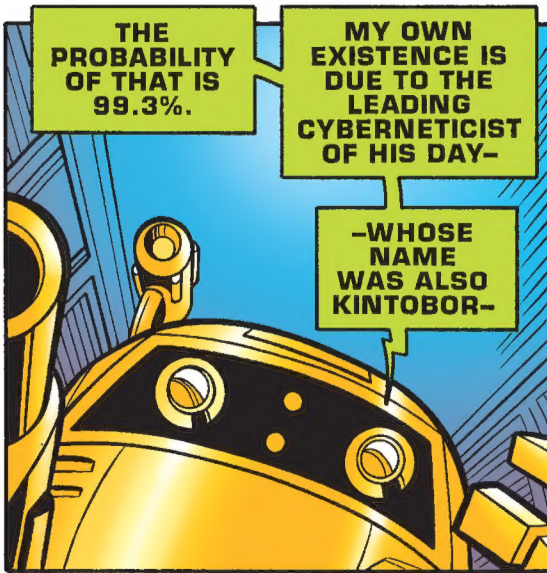


I THINK  
SO--HOLD  
ON--

--THERE!

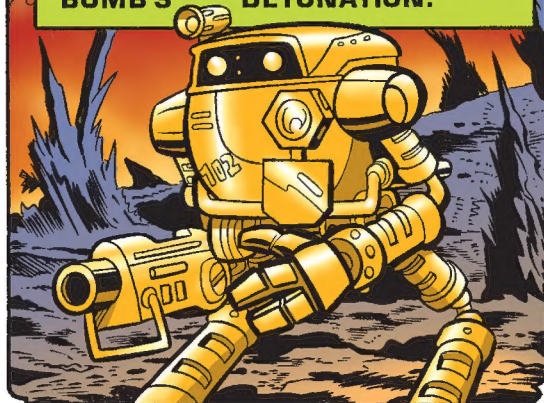
IS THERE  
ANY  
CORRELATION  
OF THE NAME  
KINTOBAR  
WITH  
ROBOTNIK?  
?



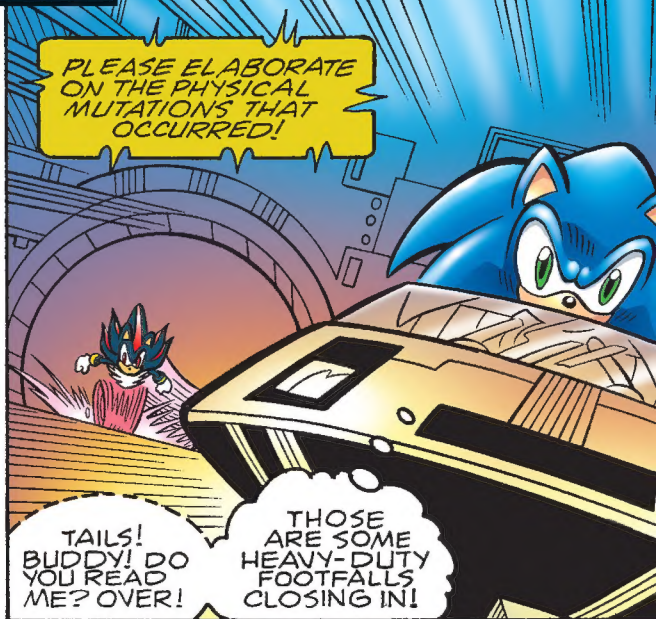




FOR SEVERAL DECADES AFTERWARD, MY PRIMARY TASKS INCLUDED MONITORING HIS LIFE CELL CHAMBER AS WELL AS THE PHYSICAL ALTERATIONS THAT BEFELL THE PLANET UPON THE BOMB'S DETONATION.



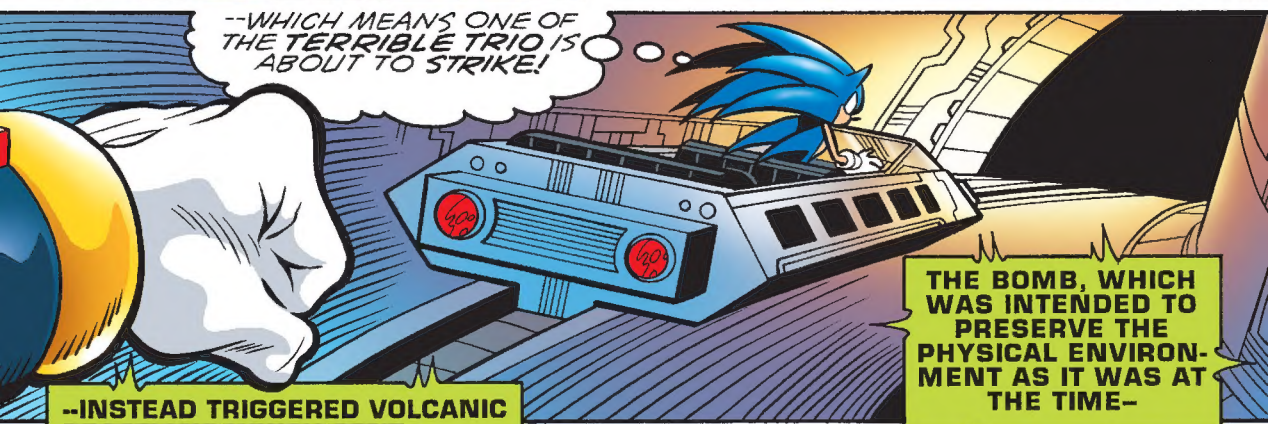
PLEASE ELABORATE ON THE PHYSICAL MUTATIONS THAT OCCURRED!



TAILS! BUDDY! DO YOU READ ME? OVER!

THOSE ARE SOME HEAVY-DUTY FOOTFALLS CLOSING IN!

--WHICH MEANS ONE OF THE TERRIBLE TRIO IS ABOUT TO STRIKE!



--INSTEAD TRIGGERED VOLCANIC REACTIONS WHICH SENT BILLIONS OF TONS OF ASH AND DIRT INTO THE ATMOSPHERE!



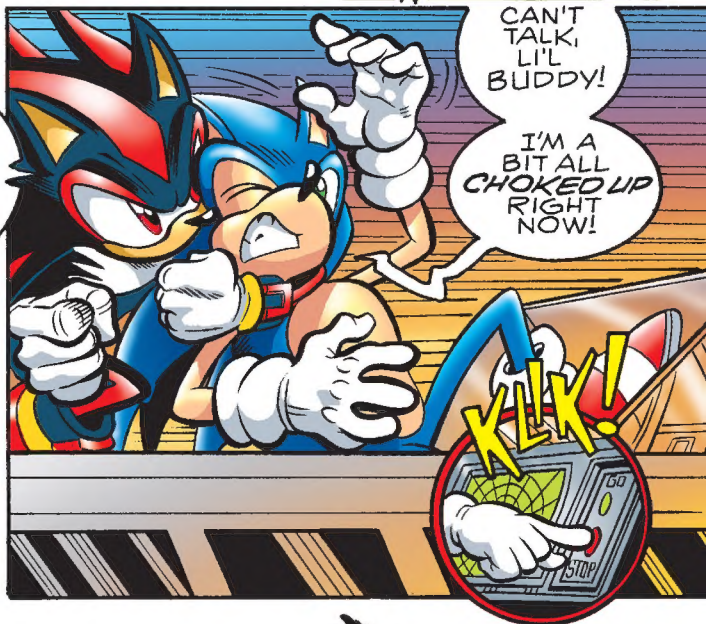
SONIC! DO YOU REALIZE WHAT HE'S SAYING?

THIS IS WHAT IS KNOWN IN CURRENT ECHIDNA THEOLOGY AS THE FIRST DAY OF FURY!

--AND I NEED A BRAKE!

UNHAPPY LANDINGS, YOU SECOND-RATE WANNA-BE!

THE BOMB, WHICH WAS INTENDED TO PRESERVE THE PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT AS IT WAS AT THE TIME--



CAN'T TALK, LI'L BUDDY!

I'M A BIT ALL CHOKED UP RIGHT NOW!





IN ADDITION, BESIDES TRIGGERING THE DEVOLUTION OF HOMO SAPIENS, THE BOMB ACCELERATED THE EVOLUTION OF WHAT WAS ONCE REFERRED TO AS THE ANIMAL KINGDOM.

THIS PROCESS LASTED FOR WELL OVER A THOUSAND YEARS UNTIL THE SUN FINALLY BURNED THROUGH THE LAST OF THE ASH AND DIRT IN THE ATMOSPHERE. \*

\*AS RE-COUNTED IN TAILS #3.

WHUUMPH!

IT WAS AT THIS JUNCTURE, DURING ONE OF HIS INFREQUENT FORAYS FROM THE LIFE CELL CHAMBER, THAT KINTOBOR ADDED HISTORICAL EVENTS TO THE LIST OF SCIENTIFIC DATA I WAS TO COLLECT.

GOTTA TURN THE VOLUME DOWN BEFORE SHAD GETS A FIX ON ME!

WHY-OH-WHY DOES TAILS THINK WE NEED A HISTORY LESSON NOW, OF ALL TIMES?

AS VARIOUS SOCIETIES BEGAN TO EMERGE AND DEVELOP, A SECOND CATAclysm ERUPTED BENEATH THE PLANET'S SURFACE-

LEVEL 3C

SONIC! SHADOW'S GETTING UP!

--AND HE'S HEADING YOUR WAY!

-AS THE BERYL DEPOSITS REACTED TO THE ENERGY OF THE GENE BOMB AS IT WAS ABSORBED OVER TIME

SONIC!!!

HE'S-- HE'S NOT THERE!



AS EMERALDS ARE CRYSTALS OF THE MINERAL BERYL, THE CONDITIONS WERE PERFECT FOR THE CREATION OF THE POWER SOURCE NOW DESIGNATED AS CHAOS EMERALDS.

GOOD QUESTION! THERE ARE A NUMBER OF RECORDERS CONNECTED TO THE SYSTEM--

--BUT WHAT ABOUT SONIC?

HE AND SHADOW ARE ABOUT TO SQUARE OFF!

TAILS, ARE YOU RECORDING ALL OF THIS?

YOU WERE ABLE TO LEARN ALL THIS FROM YOUR VANTAGE POINT HERE?

AT VARIOUS TIMES, I WAS PROGRAMMED TO VENTURE FORTH AND COLLECT DATA.

I RECORDED THE FIRST CONQUEST BY THE CREATURE KNOWN AS MAMMOTH MOGUL TEN MILLENNIA AGO--

--TO SAY NOTHING OF ATTENDING THE CORONATION OF THE FIRST KING TO SIT ON THE THRONE OF ACORN!

--AS WELL AS THE BEGINNINGS OF ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION--

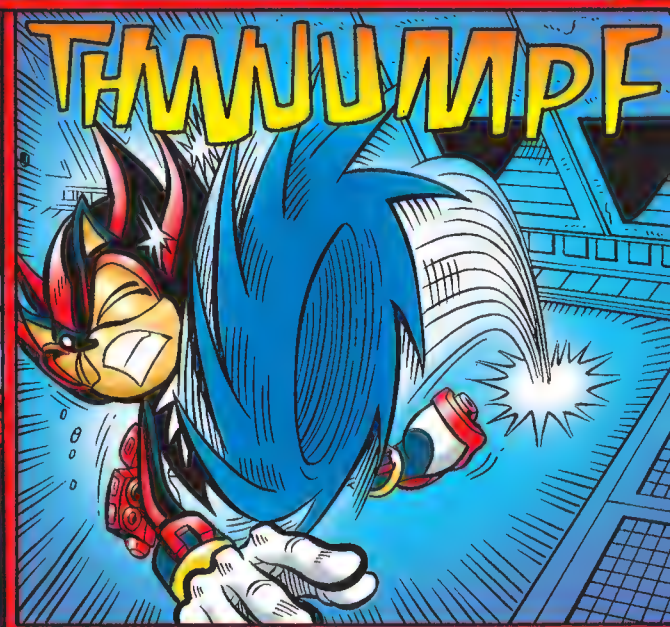
DID YOU EVER CROSS PATHS WITH MY CREATOR?

TO DATE, THE ANSWER IS NO

TO DO SO WOULD EXCEED THE PARAMETERS OF MY PROGRAMMING

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE HEDGEHOG, SHADOW?

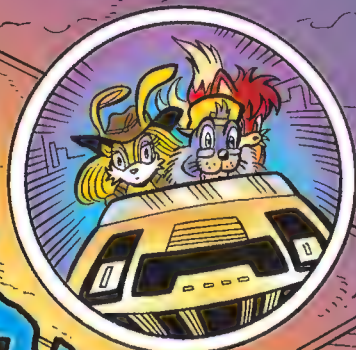
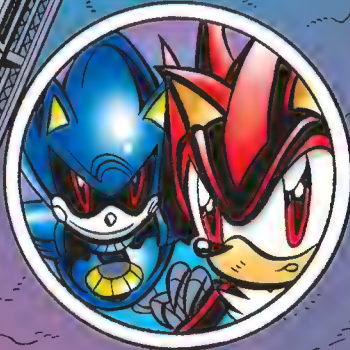
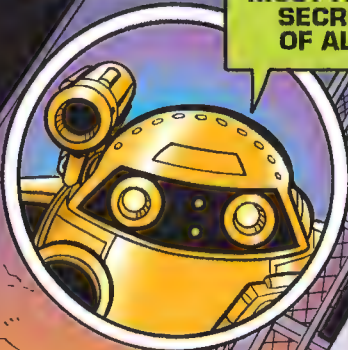








...YOU'VE  
STUMBLED  
ONTO THE  
MOST FATAL  
SECRET  
OF ALL.



RRUUMMBLLK!



The countdown is now on for...  
**ARMAGEDDON!**  
YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!



# "PLAYING AROUND"

STARRING

# SONIC

## THE HEDGEHOG

HOW COME ROBOTNIK HAS NEVER FOUND THIS PLACE?

BECAUSE THEN WE WOULDN'T HAVE A STORY, SILLY!

HURRY, CHILDREN! LET'S FIND OUR SEATS!

I'M GONNA SIT RIGHT UP FRONT!

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SINCE WE'RE EARLY WE CAN SIT IN THE FIRST RO...

OH, GOOD EVENING YOUR HIGHNESS!

PRINCESS, IF YOU'RE HERE, WHO IS GOING TO BE YOU UP THERE?

HEH! HEH! I GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.



## THE SHOW BEGINS...

HI KIDS!  
SONIC AND I, ALONG  
WITH THE REST OF  
THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
ARE REALLY EXCITED  
ABOUT PUTTING THIS  
SHOW ON FOR YOU!

**RoboTocized!!**

THIS STORY IS  
ABOUT THE TIME  
THE PRINCESS WAS  
CAPTURED  
AND ALMOST...

YA KNOW, HEDGEHOG,  
YOU'RE REAL LUCKY  
THIS IS FOR THE KIDS!  
OTHERWISE, I'D  
CLOBBER YOU!

GOSH, I CAN'T  
BELIEVE I DIDN'T  
EVEN GET THE PART  
TO PLAY MYSELF!



Castle Acorn...

PRINCESS, I AM  
GEOFFREY ST. JOHN  
REPORTING TO YOU  
THAT THE EVIL  
DR. ROBOTNIK HAS  
ATTACKED THE CASTLE  
AND WILL BE HERE SOON!  
OH, NO! RUN! RUN AWAY!

I MUST CALL UNCLE CHUCK!  
ONLY HE CAN FIND THAT LOUSY...  
I MEAN... ONLY HE CAN  
FIND SONIC!

I MUST USE NICOLE,  
MY TRUSTY SUPER-COMPUTER!

HELP US  
UNCLE CHUCK,  
YOU'RE OUR  
ONLY HOPE!

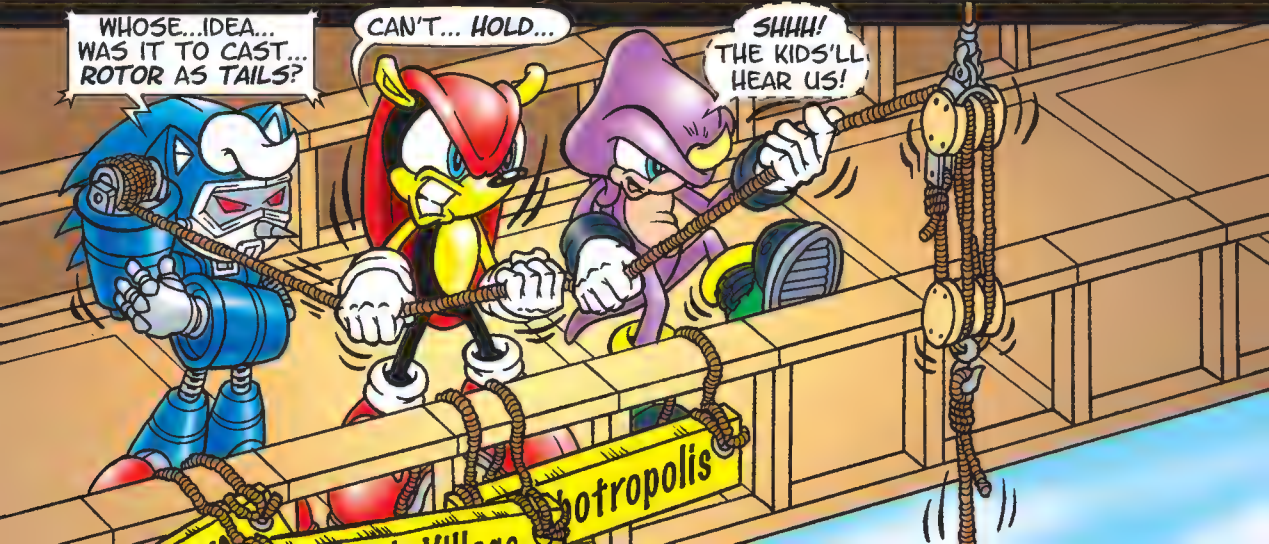
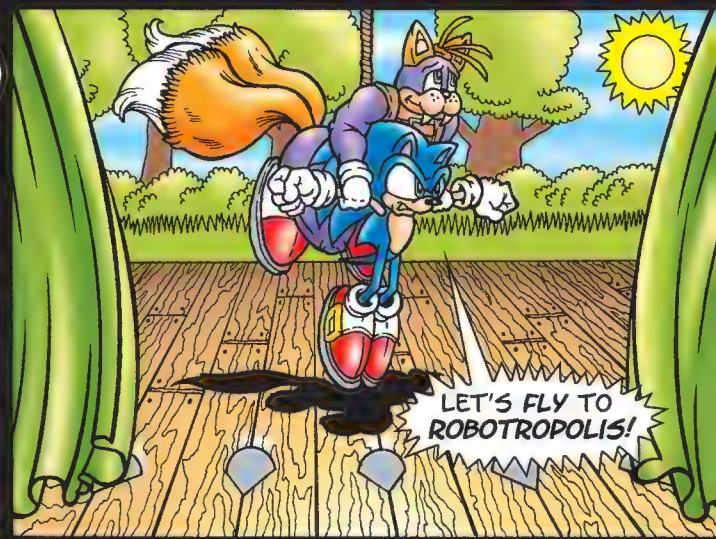
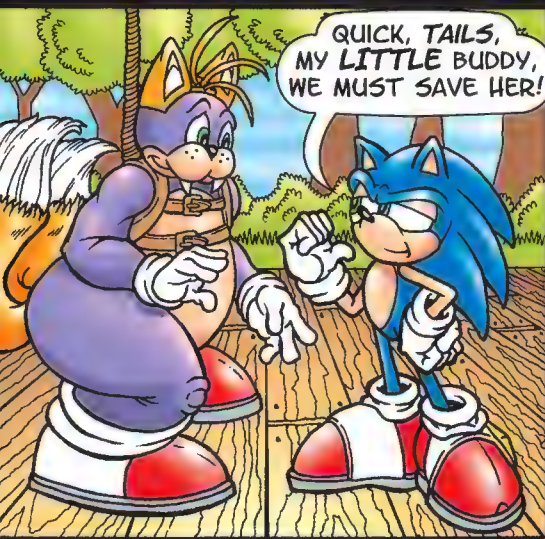
HA HA HA!  
I AM THE EVIL  
DR. ROBOTNIK  
HERE TO CAPTURE  
THE PRINCESS!  
HA HA HA!

GET THEM,  
SNIVELY,  
MY EVIL SIDEKICK!

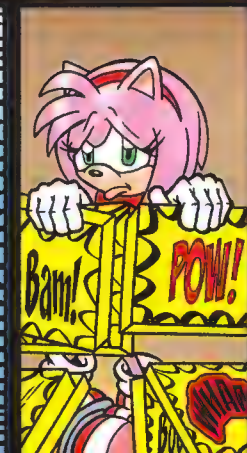
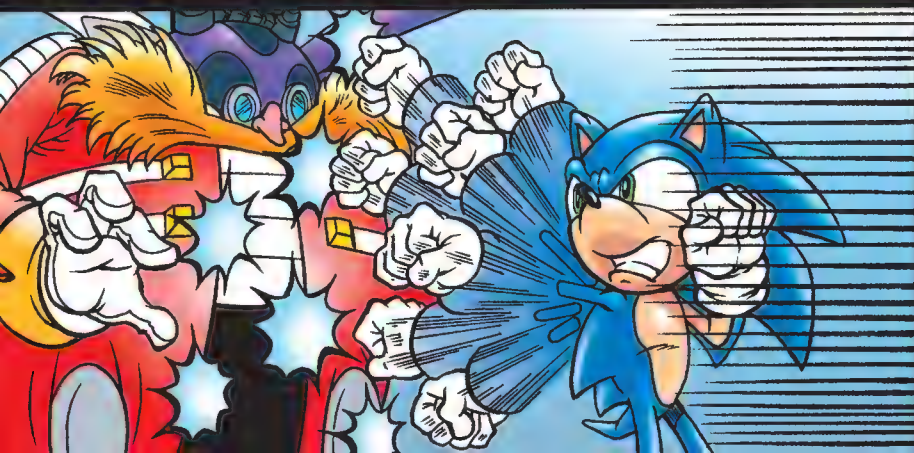
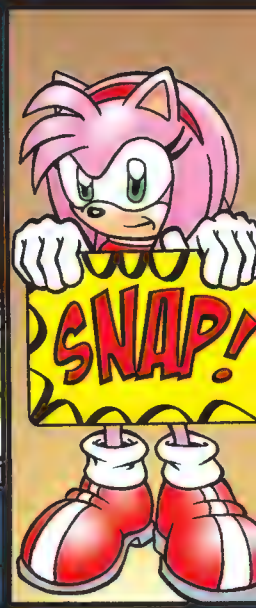
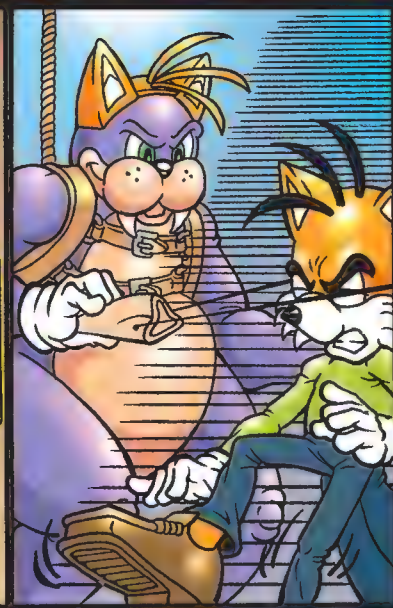
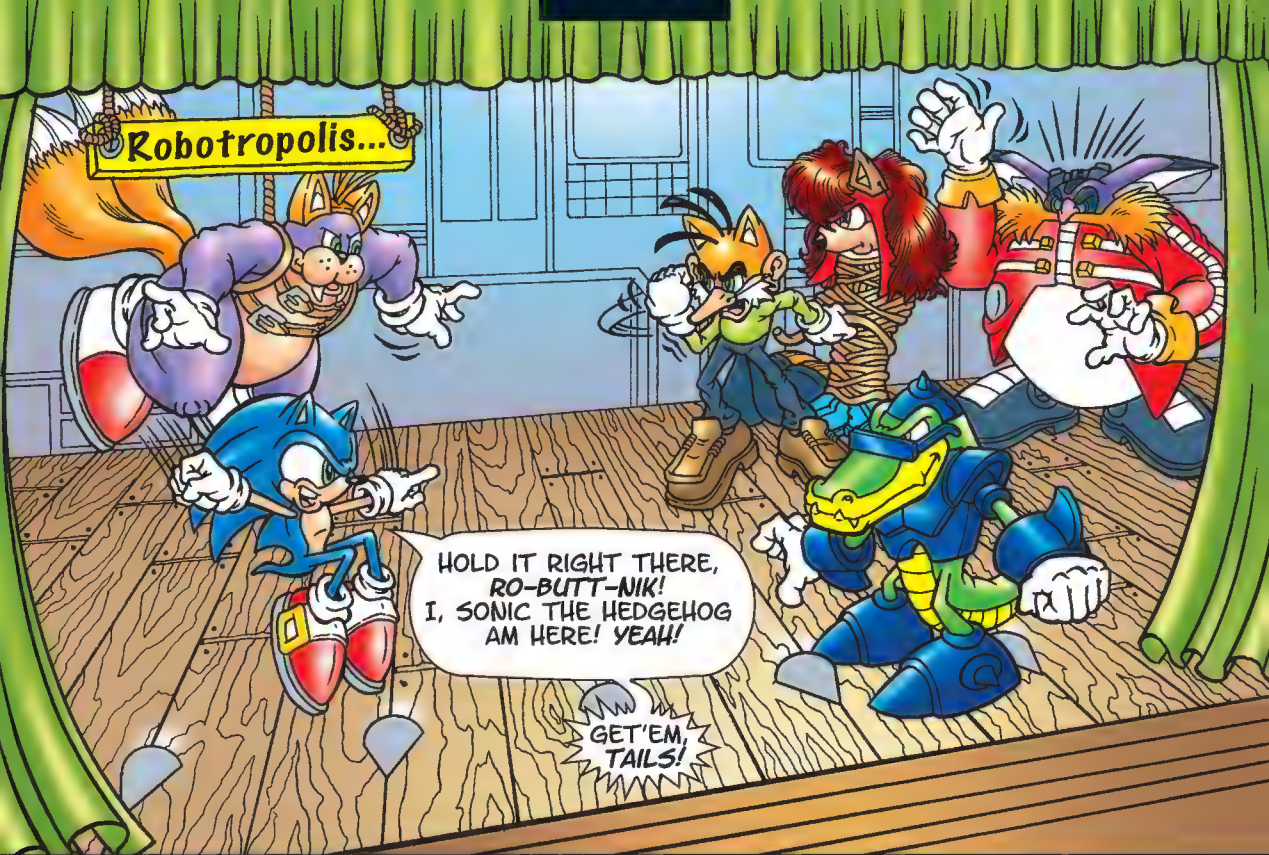
Castle Acorn...

HA HA HA!  
BACK TO MY LAIR  
WHERE WE WILL  
ROBOTOCIZE HER!  
HA HA HA!

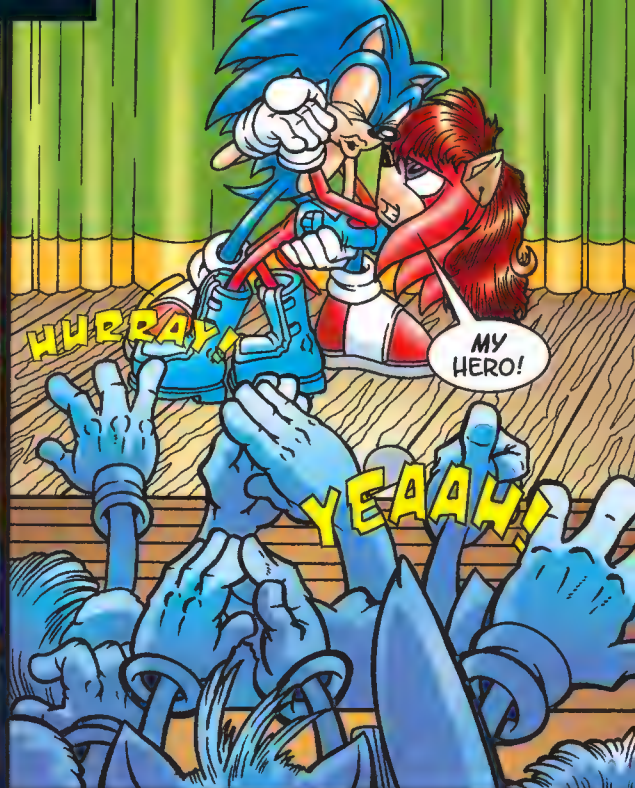














# TAILS DESTINY'S CHILD

LET'S  
SEE-- SONIC GOT  
HIS PARENTS  
BACK!

AND  
SALLY DID,  
TOO.

AND MINA'S  
MOM EVEN  
RETURNED!

SO  
HOW COME  
MY PARENTS  
CAN'T COME  
BACK?

IT JUST  
ISN'T  
FAIR!

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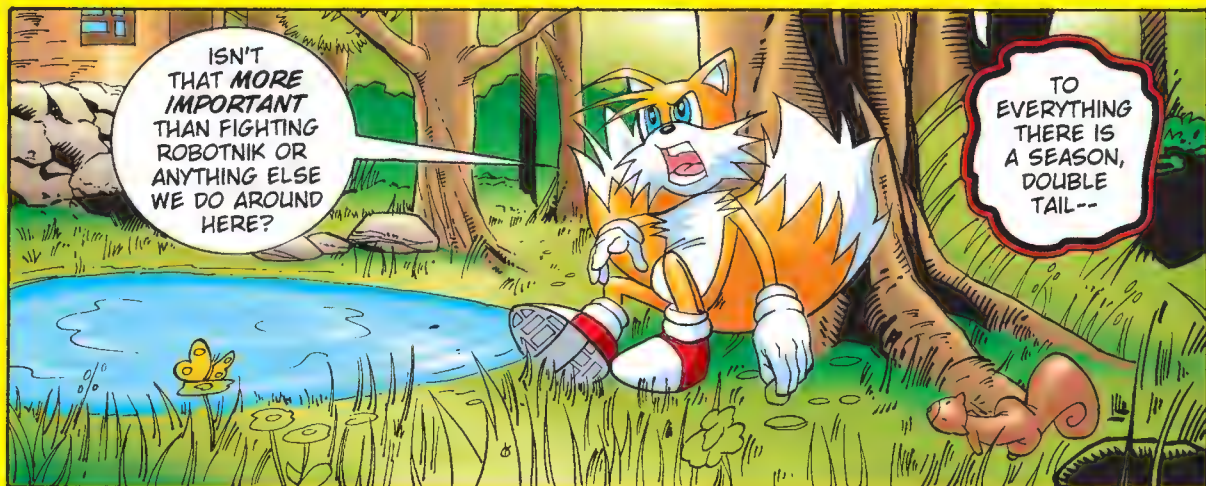


I MEAN--  
WHAT DO THE  
BEMS STILL NEED  
THEM FOR?

AND  
HOW COME  
NOBODY TALKS  
ABOUT BRINGING  
THEM HOME?

ISN'T  
THAT MORE  
IMPORTANT  
THAN FIGHTING  
ROBOTNIK OR  
ANYTHING ELSE  
WE DO AROUND  
HERE?

TO  
EVERYTHING  
THERE IS  
A SEASON,  
DOUBLE  
TAIL--





--AND THE  
HOUR OF THE CHOSEN  
ONE IS RAPIDLY DRAWING  
NEAR!

DOUBLE  
TAIL?

CHOSEN  
ONE?

THAT  
CAN ONLY  
BE--

--ATHAIR!!  
KNUCKLES'  
GREAT-GRAND-  
FATHER!

AHH! YOU  
REMEMBER!

VAGUELY!

I'M  
STILL NOT  
SURE IF IT WAS  
REAL OR A  
DREAM!

JUST LIKE  
NOW-- WHERE'S  
THE REST OF  
YOU?

THIS IS  
ALL YOU  
NEED--

--AS I  
EXIST IN A ZONE FAR  
BEYOND YOUR  
COMPREHENSION!

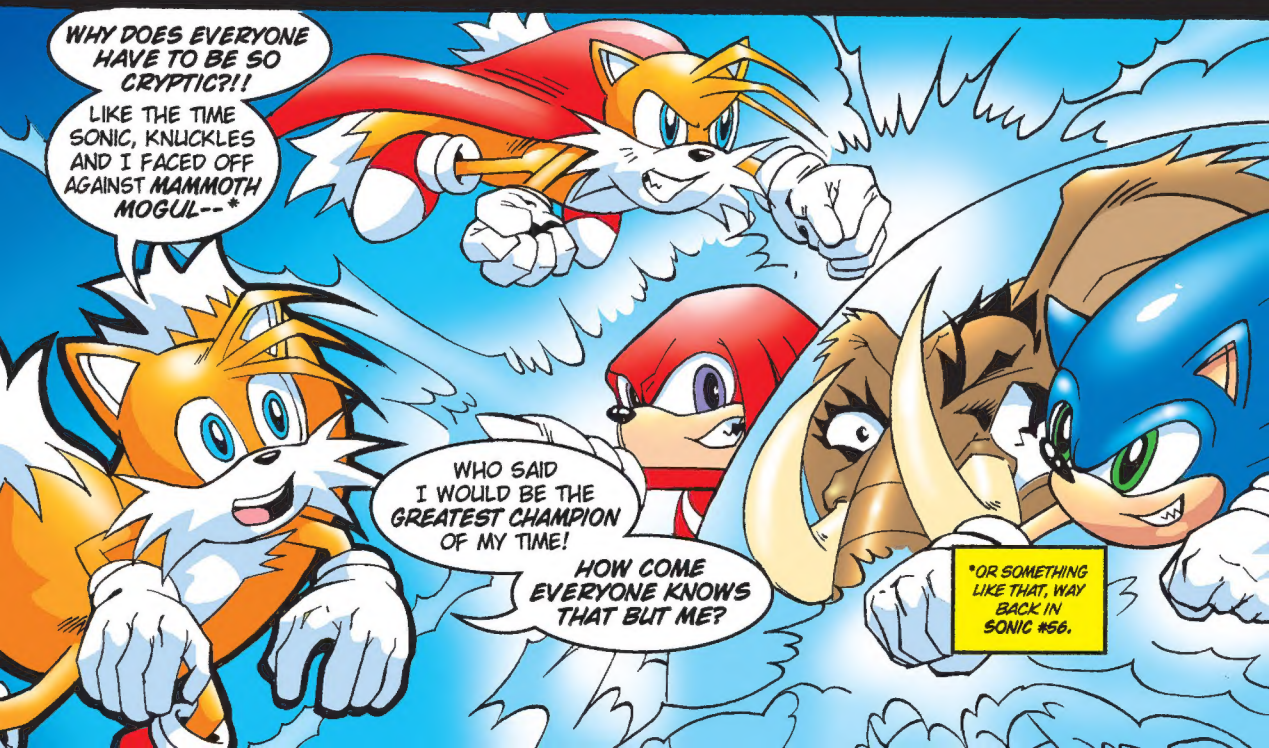
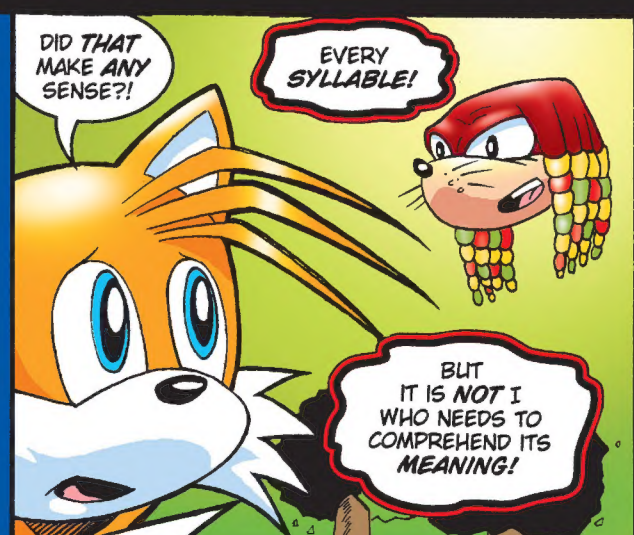
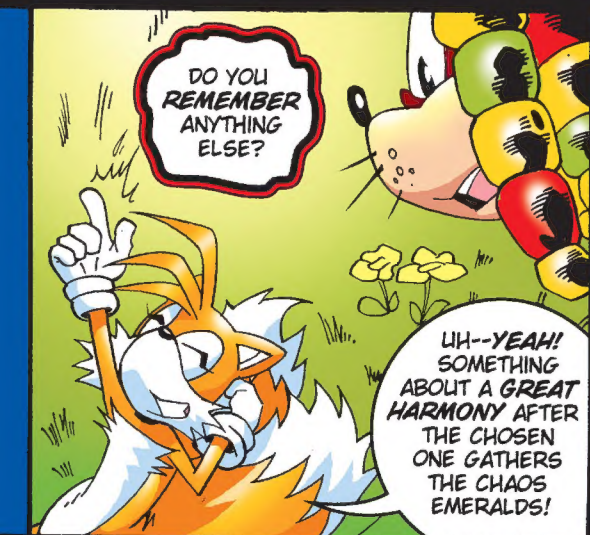
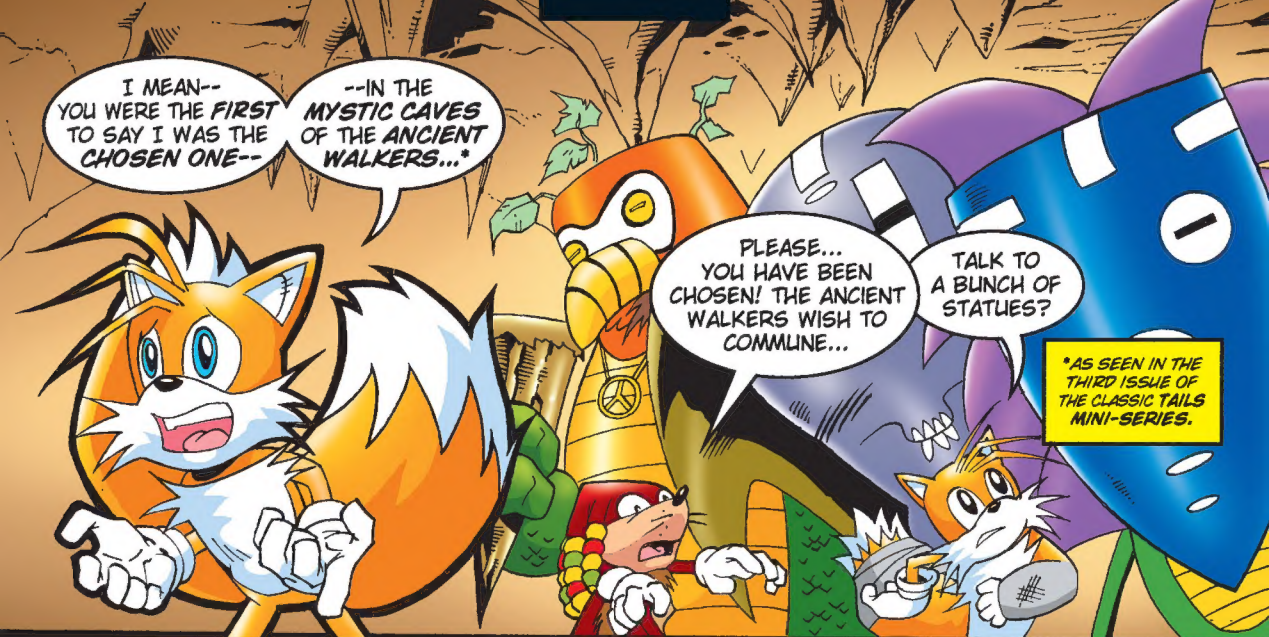
LIKE  
EVERY-  
THING  
ELSE  
THESE  
DAYS!

OH, REALLY? WHAT IS  
THERE YOU DON'T  
UNDERSTAND?

LIKE THIS  
CHOSEN ONE  
JAZZ!

CAN YOU  
EVEN GIVE ME  
ONE CLUE WHAT  
THAT'S ALL  
ABOUT?!





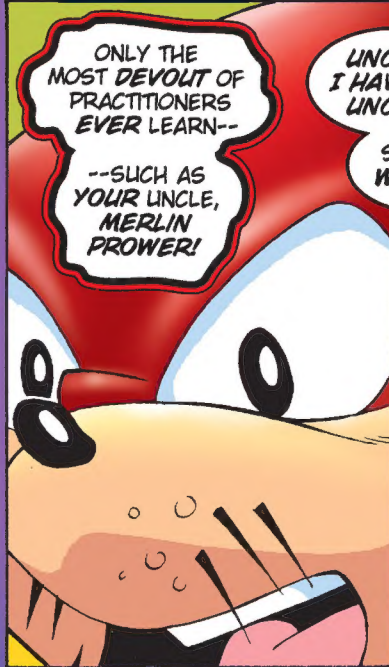




NOT EVERYONE, DOUBLE TAIL--

JUST THOSE WHO'VE READ THE ANCIENT PROPHECIES!

I MUST HAVE MISSED THOSE IN CLASS!



ONLY THE MOST DEVOUT OF PRACTITIONERS EVER LEARN--

--SUCH AS YOUR UNCLE, MERLIN PROWER!

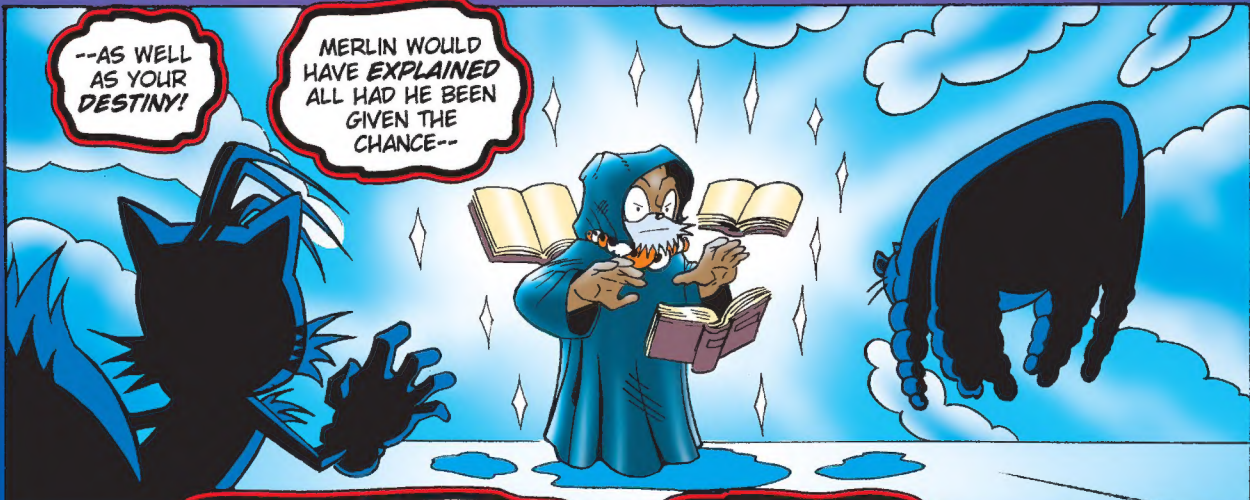
UNCLE? I HAVE AN UNCLE?

SINCE WHEN?



SINCE THE DAY YOU WERE BORN!

HE HAS ALWAYS KNOWN OF YOUR COMING--



--AS WELL AS YOUR DESTINY!

MERLIN WOULD HAVE EXPLAINED ALL HAD HE BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE--



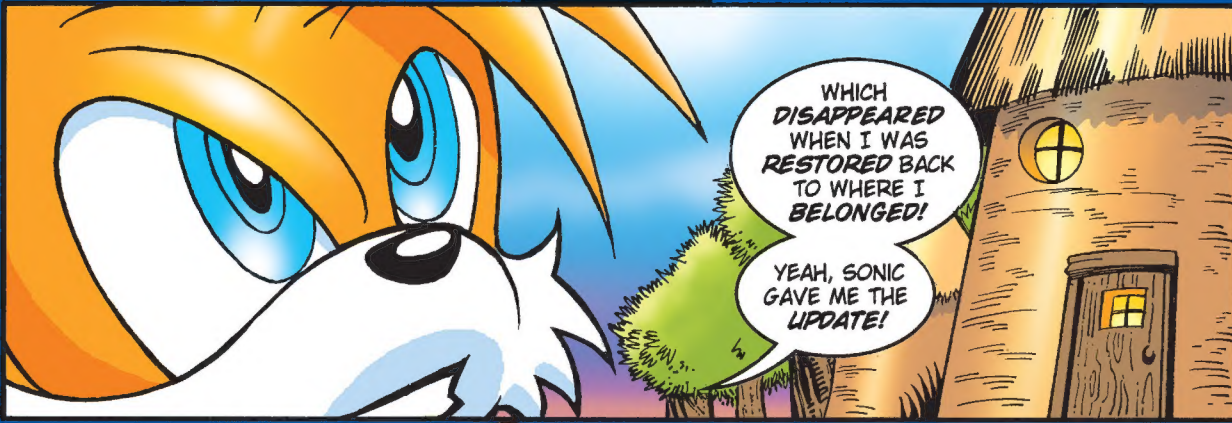
BUT WHEN I SOUGHT HIM OUT AFTER YOU WERE GRIEVOUSLY INJURED DURING MORTAL COMBAT WITH KNUCKLES--\*

--THE ENTITY KNOWN AS MAMMOTH MOGUL TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A LAPSE ON MY PART--

--AND SUBSTITUTED A DOPPELGANGER IN YOUR PLACE WHILE HE USURPED YOUR LATENT POWER!\*\*

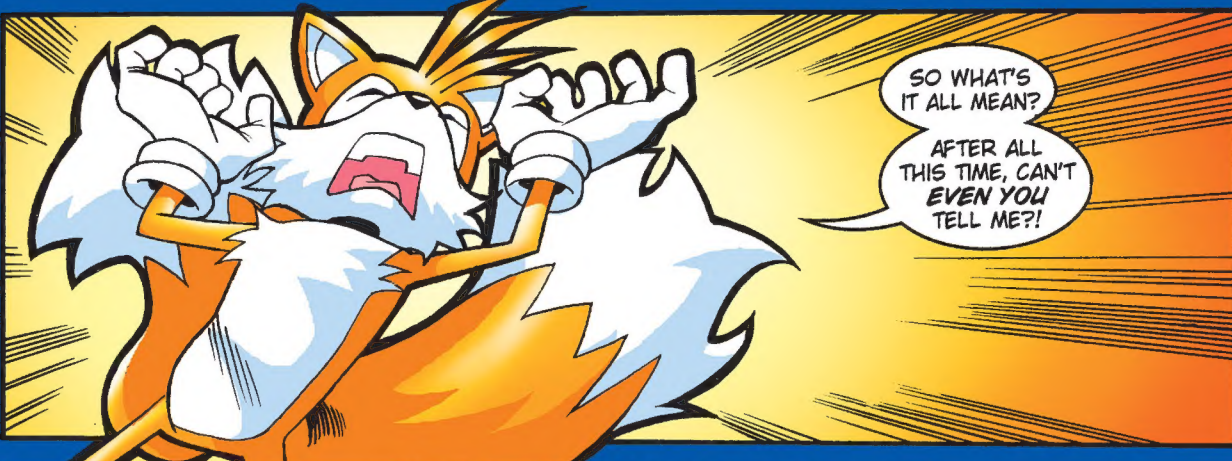
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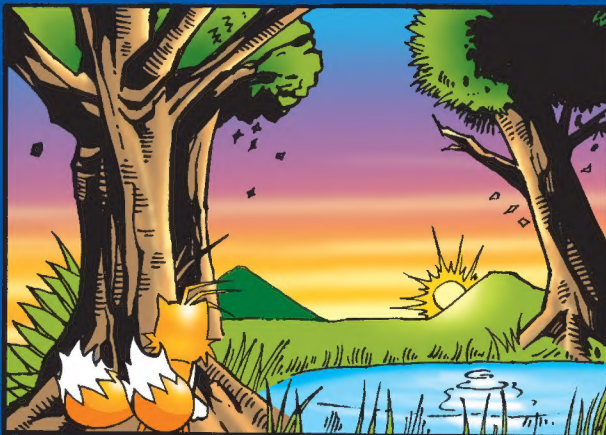
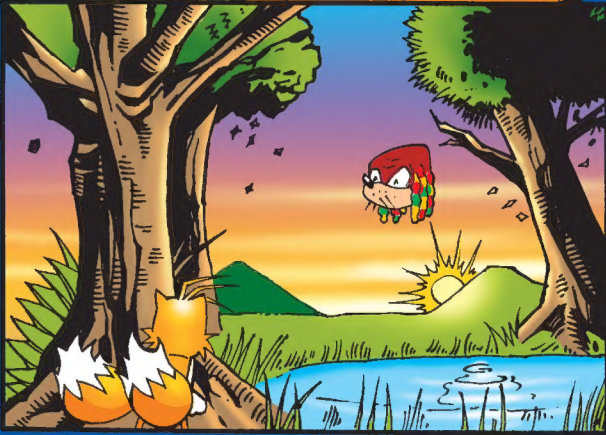
WHICH  
DISAPPEARED  
WHEN I WAS  
RESTORED  
TO WHERE I  
BELONGED!

YEAH, SONIC  
GAVE ME THE  
UPDATE!



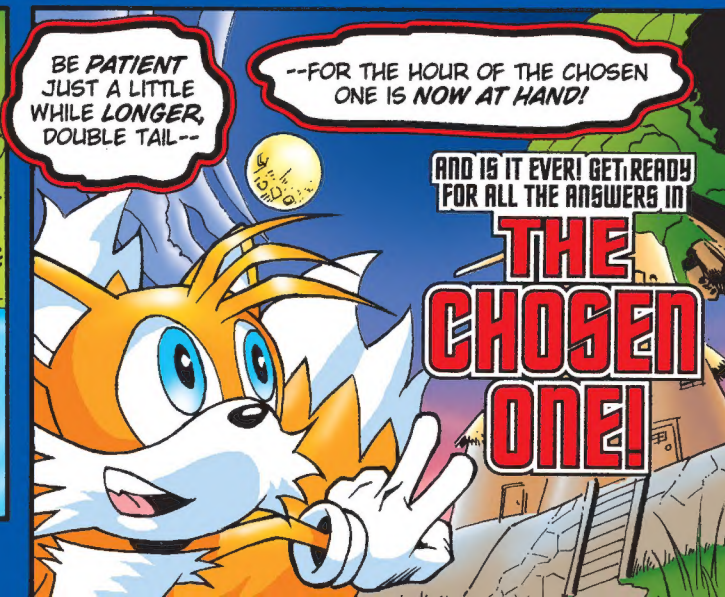
SO WHAT'S  
IT ALL MEAN?

AFTER ALL  
THIS TIME, CAN'T  
EVEN YOU  
TELL ME?!



JUST LIKE  
THAT HE'S  
GONE!

WHY SHOULD  
HE TREAT ME ANY  
DIFFERENT FROM THE  
OTHERS ANYWAY?



BE PATIENT  
JUST A LITTLE  
LONGER,  
DOUBLE TAIL--

--FOR THE HOUR OF THE CHOSEN  
ONE IS NOW AT HAND!

AND IS IT EVER! GET READY  
FOR ALL THE ANSWERS IN

**THE  
CHOSEN  
ONE!**